

REMARKS

Favorable reconsideration of this application, in light of the following discussion and in view of the present amendment, is respectfully requested.

Claims 1, 16, 21 and 23 are amended. Claims 1-23 are pending.

I. Claim Objections

In the Office Action, at page 2, claims 21 and 23 were objected to because of informalities. Claims 21 and 23 were amended in light of the Examiner's comments, and accordingly, withdrawal of the objection to the claims is respectfully requested.

II. Rejection under 35 U.S.C. § 102

In the Office Action, at page 2, claims 1-3, 13, 16, 17, 20, 22 and 23 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as being anticipated by KR 2000-0016763 to Natori et al. This rejection is respectfully traversed because KR '763 does not discuss or suggest:

a fixing bracket coupled with an edge of the rear of the screen,
a supporting bracket provided with an inclined rib having an
inclined surface inclined along a transverse direction to a rear
surface of the screen and facing the rear surface of the screen, the
inclined rib being seated on a rear of the fixing bracket,

as recited in amended independent claim 1.

KR '763 shows a bracket 31 attached to a member for holding a film body 30, a meshing member 36 set on the holding member in a condition of meshing with the engaging portion of the film body, and a tension condition maintaining means 50 for moving the meshing member 36 to tension the film body.

KR '763 does not show or suggest that the bracket 31 is provided with an inclined rib. While the bracket 31 itself is inclined, the bracket 31 does not include a rib which is distinct from the main body of the bracket 31 that is inclined, the rib being an element that protrudes from the bracket 31. Side 37 of the bracket 31 is a portion of the bracket 31, but does not protrude from the bracket 31, as is typical of a rib.

Also, KR '763 does not show or suggest that the inclined portion of the bracket 31 is seated on a rear of the holding member 30. The bracket 31 is connected to the holding member 30 by the meshing member 36 and tension condition maintaining means 50, but the bracket 31

does not include an inclined rib that is seated on a rear portion of the holding member 30. The bracket 31 is supported under the holding member 30.

Therefore, as KR '763 does not suggest "a fixing bracket coupled with an edge of the rear of the screen, a supporting bracket provided with an inclined rib having an inclined surface inclined along a transverse direction to a rear surface of the screen and facing the rear surface of the screen, the inclined rib being seated on a rear of the fixing bracket," as recited in amended independent claim 1, claim 1 patentably distinguishes over the reference relied upon. Accordingly, withdrawal of the § 102(b) rejection is respectfully requested.

Further, KR '763 does not suggest "a supporting bracket provided with an inclined rib having an inclined surface inclined along a transverse direction to a rear surface of the screen and facing the rear surface of the screen to connect to a rear of the fixing bracket,... wherein the supporting bracket further comprises: a first supporter disposed approximately parallel to a surface of the screen; and a second supporter bent in a transverse direction to the surface of the first supporter, and the inclined rib protruding from an inner surface of the second supporter," as recited in independent claims 2 and 17. The bracket 31 in KR '763 does not include an inclined rib. Even assuming, *arguendo*, that the slanted portion 37 could be construed to be an inclined rib, the slanted portion 37 of the bracket 31 does not protrude from an inner surface of a second supporter. The second supporter alleged by the Examiner corresponds to the side extending from the first supporter. However, while there is a slanted surface 37 adjacent the second supporter, the slanted surface 37 does not protrude from an inner surface of the slanted surface 37.

Therefore, as KR '763 does not suggest "the inclined rib protruding from an inner surface of the second supporter," as recited in amended independent claims 2 and 17, claims 2 and 17 patentably distinguishes over the reference relied upon. Accordingly, withdrawal of the § 102(b) rejection is respectfully requested.

Also, KR '763 does not suggest "a supporting bracket connected to a rear of the fixing bracket and provided with an inclined rib, the inclined rib being seated on a rear of the fixing bracket; and a plurality of connecting brackets disposed around the fixing bracket to connect the supporting bracket and the fixing bracket," as recited in amended independent claim 16. As discussed above, the bracket 31 does not include an inclined rib that is seated on a rear of a fixing bracket.

In addition, the alleged supporting bracket 31 is not connected to a rear of the fixing bracket 30. The bracket 31 is connected to an underside of bracket 30, but is not connected to

a rear portion of the bracket 30. In contrast, as shown in Fig. 5 of the present invention, the supporting bracket 60 is connected at groove 22 with a rear of the fixing bracket 20.

Also, KR '763 does not discuss or show that a plurality of connecting brackets is disposed around the holding member 30a. There is no indication in the figures of KR '763 that a plurality of meshing members 36 or tension condition maintaining means 50 are disposed around the holding member 30a to connect the bracket 31 and the holding member 30a.

Therefore, claim 16 patentably distinguishes over the reference relied upon. Accordingly, withdrawal of the § 102(b) rejection is respectfully requested.

II. Allowable Subject Matter

Applicants are appreciative of the indication that claims 4-12, 14, 15, 18, 21 and 23, which are objected to, would be allowable if rewritten in independent form. As amended independent claims 1 and 16 are believed to be allowable over the reference relied upon, claims 4-12, 14, 15, 18, 21 and 23 have not been rewritten in independent form.

Conclusion

In accordance with the foregoing, claims 1, 16, 21 and 23 have been amended. Claims 1-23 are pending and under consideration.

There being no further outstanding objections or rejections, it is submitted that the application is in condition for allowance. An early action to that effect is courteously solicited.

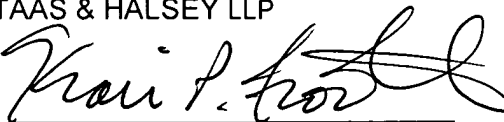
Finally, if there are any formal matters remaining after this response, the Examiner is requested to telephone the undersigned to attend to these matters.

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